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**HB 2048 – Chapter 203 – CPS; semiannual reports; child deaths**

Expands on the information required to be included in the Child Welfare semi-annual report.

**HB 2094 – Chapter 204 – \*hearing; private service provider; dependency**

Allows a court to order an agency or private service provider to appear at a hearing to discuss the provision of services for a parent or child who is entitled to such services. Stipulates that the court may only order services to be provided for a parent or child if the agency or private service provider determines they are eligible to receive behavioral health services with Title XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act funds.

**HB 2125 – Chapter 9 – foster care review board; continuation**

Continues the Foster Care Review Board until July 1, 2016.

**HB 2287 – Chapter 133 – DES; information technology personnel; fingerprints**

Requires applicants for and existing employees in information technology positions in the Department of Economic Security to obtain a Fingerprint Clearance Card.

**HB 2292 – Chapter 180 – child support; court orders**

Makes changes in statutes relating to court orders regarding child support obligations and arrearages including the following.

- Codifies that an annual rate of 10 percent interest accrues to child support arrearages.
- Prohibits the court from reducing any sum owed to the state in a Title IV-D case, unless the state was represented at the hearing, had notice of the hearing, or provided written approval.
- States that any written agreement for credit against support arrearages that is not by order of the court shall require an affidavit of direct payment signed by both the person making the payment and the person receiving it.

**HB 2319 – Chapter 330 – department of economic security; continuation**

Continues the Department of Economic Security until July 1, 2008. Requires the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to orally report to the House of Representative Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Family Services regarding the Department's progress in implementing the recommendations of the OAG's sunset review reports.

**HB 2342 – Chapter 110 – child support; self-employed parent**

Requires the court to determine which party is responsible, and to what extent, for the costs associated with hiring a federally authorized tax practitioner in child support cases where a self-employed parent is ordered to have financial records reviewed.

**HB 2554 – Chapter 337 [E] – substance abuse treatment; appropriations**

Creates the Addiction Reduction and Recovery Fund (ARRF). Appropriates a total of \$8 million to the ARRF as well as to other entities for increased drug enforcement efforts, treatment, and prevention services, specifically targeted at stemming the growth of methamphetamine abuse.

- Requires the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) to spend ARRF monies through Regional Behavioral Health Authorities for rural detoxification programs and substance abuse and addiction prevention programs, including for methamphetamine addiction.
- Appropriates \$2.5 million from the State General Fund (GF) in FY 2006-07 to the ARRF.

- Appropriates \$3 million from the GF in FY 2006-07 to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for increased methamphetamine interdiction, treatment, and education programs.
- Appropriates \$2 million from the GF in FY 2006-07 to the Department of Economic Security for substance abuse treatment services through the Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T. program.
- Appropriates \$500,000 from the GF in FY 2006-07 to the DHS for comprehensive methamphetamine prevention services provided by community based organizations to children throughout Arizona.
- Repeals the ARRF on June 30, 2008.

**HB 2558 – Chapter 211 – adult protective services; investigations; hearings**

Establishes a process to allow persons accused of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults to appeal the actions of the Department of Economic Security (DES).

- Requires DES, after completing its investigation, to notify persons alleged to have abused, neglected, or exploited a vulnerable adult that DES intends to substantiate the allegation, and that the accused has a right to receive a copy of the report of the allegation, as well as the right to a hearing before information is entered in the Adult Protective Services Registry.
- Indicates that if DES finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the accused person committed no offense, DES shall specify that in the report, notify the accused person, and not hold a hearing.
- Stipulates that if a hearing is requested, the Office of Administrative Hearings shall conduct the hearing according to the Uniform Administrative Hearing Procedures specified in statute with certain exceptions.
- Indicates that the administrative law judge shall determine if a preponderance of evidence exists to sustain DES's findings that the accused is guilty, and if a preponderance of evidence is not found, the administrative law judge must order DES to specify that in the report.

**HB 2743 – Chapter 197 – developmental disabilities; cognitive disability**

Removes the duplicative definition of *guardianship services* from ARS §36-551 and changes the term *mental retardation* to *cognitive disability* in the definitions sections of ARS §§36-551 and 36-581.

**HB 2810 – Chapter 214 – utility assistance fund; administration**

Changes the financial eligibility requirements for all clients of the Utility Assistance Fund, providing assistance to households with incomes at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Increases the amount a qualified individual may receive annually from the fund from \$900 to \$2000.

**SB 1087 – Chapter 246 – spousal maintenance; tax refund; setoff**

Authorizes the clerk of the court to obtain spousal maintenance payments by intercepting a taxpayer's state income tax refund.

**SB 1119 – Chapter 247 – parental rights; termination; grandparents; custody**

Requires the entities involved in the potential termination of parental rights to consider a grandparent or another member of the child's family as the first person with whom to place a child if that child is removed from the parents' custody.

**SB 1267 – Chapter 364 [E] – integrated family court; pilot programs**

Requires the Supreme Court to implement a two-year Integrated Family Court Pilot Program in a county with a population of fewer than 500,000 persons, and appropriates \$850,000 from the general fund to fund the pilot program. Continues the Domestic Relations Committee through 2010.

**SB 1328 – Chapter 165 – youthful sex offenders: study committee**

Establishes a Joint Legislative Committee on Youthful Sex Offenders, designating its membership and duties.

**SB 1415 – Chapter 58 – adoption; termination of parental rights**

Eliminates a potential father's right to receive notification and give consent to adoption or termination of parental rights, if he fails to file a paternity action within 30 days after notification of potential paternity.

**SB 1427 – Chapter 252 – newborn safe havens; volunteers**

Allows volunteers at a private welfare agency, adoption agency or church to accept newborn infants as a safe haven provider. Also, stipulates that the possession of equipment or chemicals, or both, for the purpose of manufacturing a dangerous drug be included as a violation of endangerment or abuse towards a child or vulnerable adult.

**SB 1506 – Chapter 225 – \*donated food; tax exemption**

Exempts prepared food that is donated by a restaurant to a qualified nonprofit organization that regularly serves free meals to the needy from the transaction privilege and use taxes.